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SUBJ: KOREA AT THE 32ND UNGA

SUMMARY: IN "PERSONAL OPINION" OF MOFA OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY, DPRK MAY NOT INTEND TO PRESS KOREA QUESTION AT UPCOMING UNGA. END SUMMARY.

1. KIM CHAE-YONG, CHIEF OF MOFA INFORMATION DIVISION II (WHICH COVERS NORTH KOREA), TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 28 HE WAS INTERESTED IN RECENT INDICATIONS THAT NORTH KOREA MAY NOT LAUNCH SERIOUS DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE THIS YEAR. KIM SAID IN FIRST PLACE ANTICIPATED WORLD-WIDE DPRK DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE HAS NOT YET REALLY MATERIALIZED THIS SPRING. NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA HAS BASICALLY CONTINUED SOFTER TREATMENT OF U.S. BEGUN BEFORE INAUGURATION. SINCE MID-FEBRUARY, NORTH KOREAN PLACEMENTS OF ADVERTISEMENTS IN FOREIGN PRESS HAVE DECLINED BY ABOUT 30 PERCENT. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS TO
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THE NON-COMMUNIST WORLD SINCE PAK SONG-CHOL'S AND HO TAM'S TRIPS EARLY THIS YEAR, THE NORTH KOREANS INSTEAD CALLING A NUMBER OF THEIR AMBASSADORS BACK TO P'YONGYANG FOR APPARENT CONSULTATIONS. KIM SAW ONLY TWO POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS TO THE GENERAL PATTERN OF PASSIVITY -- THE BRUSSELS CONFERENCE FOR PEACEFUL RE-UNIFICATION FEBRUARY 21 AND 22 (WHICH KCNA REPORTED EX-

TENSIVELY TWO WEEKS LATER, BUT HAS SINCE BASICALLY IGNORED), AND PRESENT NORTH KOREAN EFFORTS TO PLACE CONGRATULATORY ADVERTISEMENTS IN WORLD PRESS FOR OCCASION OF KIM IL-SONG'S 65TH BIRTHDAY APRIL 15. IN SUM, KIM CHAE-YONG ESTIMATES THE NORTH CANNOT HAVE DRUMMED UP MANY UN VOTES SINCE THE 31ST UNGA DEBACLE, AND THAT IT MAY SOON BE TOO LATE TO LAUNCH A SERIOUS CANVASS THIS YEAR.

2. KIM ALSO NOTED POSSIBILITY THIS YEAR'S NEW DELHI NACC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING MAY DENY NORTH KOREANS THEIR TRADITIONAL USE OF THAT FORUM AS SPRINGBOARD FOR A UN CAMPAIGN. KIM SAID EVENTS IN NEW DELHI MAY CONSTITUTE THE BEST SINGLE INDICATOR OF NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS AND REALISTIC PROSPECTS THIS YEAR.
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